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ANOTHER GREAT AND GLORIOUS PROGRAMME,
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A symposium of sweet song and sustained screeches,
And such nice creatures in the show,
And the show is not "absof!"
It's the best of its kind in Hongkong.
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Complete capture of the convocation by our amusing performers.
The clever company consistently causing cavalcade.
And the heart of the manager pulsates with a great joy.

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THOS. P. HUDSON.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [596]

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my Temporary Absence from the Colony, Mr. W. H. POTTS will act as MANAGER of the above Company.
W. STUART HARRISON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [598]

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [600]



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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [5]

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [599]

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THE Steamship

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Captain Le Bonville, due here about end of the present month, will have quick despatch.
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [1897]

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Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and other Large Consumers.
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379a]

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SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

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BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Mandeville 15th September 1896. [6]

MARRIAGE.

On the 27th ult., at the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, by the Rev. Wm. Murray, ROBERT MCKEON LITTLE, Resident of the West Coast, British North Borneo, eldest son of the late Robert Little, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., to RUBY HUNTER, eldest daughter of Alexander D. Campbell, 8, Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, April 6th.
Great Britain has made pacific overtures to Greece to enable the removal of the present deadlock. It is believed that the blockade of the Piræus will depend upon Greece's answer. The Powers at the initiative of Russia have notified Greece and Turkey that the aggressor will never be permitted to profit by a victory.
Mr. Balfour has notified the foregoing to the House of Commons, adding that Great Britain will not hesitate to take part in the blockade. Sir William Harcourt, after Mr. Balfour's statement, gave notice that he would move a resolution to the Queen requesting her not to employ the force of the Crown against Greece or Crete.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Grafius* was at Amoy when the steamship *Hailong* left there on the 6th inst.

The number of persons on relief works in the famine districts of India on 13th March was 3,216,301.

COLONEL HICKSON, of the Buffs, succeeds General Clive-Justice as General Officer Commanding the Troops in Ceylon.

A DETACHMENT of 20 *lancers* and 10 Indian constables has been selected to go to London for the Diamond Jubilee demonstration.

CHEVALIER Antoine de Konstli is at Penang charming everybody with his brilliant rendering of every description of the music written for the piano.

FROM the 5th to the 11th ultimo the depertures from Bombay on account of the plague numbered 8,492, while the exodus at the latter date was still going on apace.

MR. A. McCONECHIE left for London yesterday by the *Empress of China*. Sir R. A. Bullock, Colonel Napier, and Captain Davey are also proceeding to London by the same steamer.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. BETTOW, who succeeds Colonel King Harman as first Deputy Secretary in the Military Department (India), is expected to join his appointment in Simla this month.

UP to the hour of going to press Sir Claude MacDonald, who is expected here by H.M.S. *Narcissus*, had not arrived. He may be here to-morrow forenoon, if the cruiser is not delayed outside by fog.

WAN HUNG, a cook, "faced the music" at the Magistrate this morning for stealing a box from a servant in No. 23, Lyndhurst Terrace. The facts of the case having been proved the cook was "sent in" for 4 months.

DR. CANTLEY, writing to a friend in Bombay recently, said:—"I hope Bombay will soon be free of her troubles. Plague cannot cease until April. It always lasts seven months in any town in which it is epidemic."

AT the City Club at 9 o'clock to-night a 5-pin bowling match will be played by the two members who "ved" for the Championship and silver cup. The prize goes to the owner of the highest aggregate of six games.

THIS morning a servant on board the *Hongkong* was brought before Capt. Hastings charged with stealing a \$50 note from the chief officer, Mr. Thomas Dobson. A well-earned sentence of 4 months was awarded the culprit.

THE Queen has approved the nomination of Sir Frederick Fryer to be the first Lieutenant-Governor of Burma. The appointment will take effect from the date on which the Legislative Council for Burma is created, probably the 1st of May.

THE *Peking Gazette* says: Mr. Taw Kuo, of Meishan, Talk Hoe & Co., Rangoon, has subscribed the sum of Rs. 10,000 to the Famine Fund. We believe this amount is the highest subscribed by any Chinaman in Burma, the Straits, or Hongkong.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. DESARAJ URS, Commandant, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers, Official Military Secretary and son-in-law of Her Highness the Maharani Regent, has been selected to represent the State of Mysore at the Diamond Jubilee in June.

NUMEROUS robberies from houses closed in Bombay on account of the plague are reported. The thieves appear to have been reaping a rich harvest, the closed houses supplying a fine field for their operations, just as the houses in the "Forbidden City" did in Hongkong in 1894.

THE Bombay Presidency plague statistics up to March 6th are as follows:—

	Cases.	Deaths.
Town and Island of Bombay	8,664	7,224
Poona City	689	547
Karachi City	2,218	1,697
Total	11,571	9,468

THE Surprise party is still going "well and strong" at the Theatre Royal and last night another large audience filled the house. The various performers invoked well merited applause, and the comic specialties of Mr. Hudson and Mr. and Miss Goulay were the source of continuous merriment. The other talented artists repeated their former success, and recalls were undeniably in every instance. To-night a change of programme is announced and the last performance will be given on Monday, after which the Company goes to Shanghai.

ACCORDING to Bombay papers received yesterday, Dr. Yersin is only in possession of a limited supply of serum, sufficient for the treatment of about 50 or 60 plague cases, and on this supply being exhausted it will be necessary for him to return to Annam for more, owing to his assistant, left in charge of his laboratory at Nha Trang, having died.

To be called from breakfast to kill a 12-foot python is not an everyday occurrence in Singapore. It was, says the *Free Press* of 2nd April, the lot of Mr. D. S. Carmichael to do so to-day, a large python being discovered, on the look out for bees by his *ycan*. His snakeship got a charge of shot instead of a plump rooster.

A RONTOM ray apparatus sent to Bombay by the Tagore rajah of Calcutta has been tried on plague patients with, it is said, good results. The patients were subjected to the rays for half an hour and it appears from a letter received from Bombay that every patient so treated recovered. The theory is that the rays destroy the plague germs.—*Rangoon Times*.

It appears that even in Madras public works are apt to collapse. The tower of the New Museum buildings there, which was only recently constructed, has sunk two inches and there are indications of the crushing of some of the bricks composing it. The Museum has consequently been closed to the public, and it is feared that the height of the tower will have to be reduced.

THE Deutsche Dampfschiff-Rhederei (Klinglin Line) has augmented its fleet by another new large cargo and passenger steamer, which on being launched was named the *Dalla*. This new vessel is a sister ship to the recently built *Wally* of the same company. The *Dalla*, which was built by Blohm and Voß, has the following dimensions:—487 ft. by 46 ft. 6 in. by 31 ft. 6 in. English, which gives her a dead weight capacity of 6,000 tons. The engines will develop 4,400 indicated horse-power. The new steamer has accommodation for twenty-four first-class passengers.

OUR Hainan correspondent informs us that the claim made by Mr. Marty against the Chinese authorities of Hainan, on the grounds that they used their influence to damage the business of the plaintiff in favour of the Chinese charterers of opposition steamers on the Hongkong, Hainan and Pakhoi route, is shortly to be re-opened in Klongchow, the officials of the latter place having received instructions from the court to proceed with and settle the case. It is to be hoped that this case will now be gone into in a businesslike manner, it has already proved a costly and vexatious affair. The claim is for \$50,000.

THE Budget of India presented at the Viceroy's Council on the 19th March shows a deficit of nearly two crores. The Budget provides for a deficit in the coming year of nearly two and a-half crores. Railways show a loss of one and a-half crores; opium of over one crore; and land revenue of nearly two and a-half crores. The current year's famine is responsible for most of the falling off. The Secretary of State raises a loan of three and a-half millions sterling, and draws thirteen millions of Council Bills. An Indian loan is announced of four crores at three per cent. The Finance Minister concluded his speech by declaring that India is for the time being in serious financial difficulties, caused by the famine. When that calamity and the plague have passed, India will be found in a strong financial position.

MR. Tse Tsan Tai, on employ of the Public Works Department of Hongkong, has invented and presented to the British War Office a helmet specially designed to prevent sunstroke and heat apoplexy in the tropics. Yesterday he received a letter from the head of the Army Clothing Department, thanking him for the sample on behalf of the War Office and stating that for the present, at any rate, no change is contemplated in the military head-gear. The inventor is a young Australian, and a British subject, of Chinese parentage, and was educated at the Grafton (N.S.W.) High School and at Queen's College, Hongkong. The invention first occupied his thoughts in 1891 and it took satisfactory shape last summer. He has given the War Office the secret of his discovery and claims that it can be advantageously applied to hats, boots, water bags, bottles and medicine chests in the tropics. Mr. Tse Tsan Tai has not patented his invention, but has legally placed it at the disposal of the British authorities in the hope that it may be a boon to our troops on service in the tropics.

AT the Royal Institution, London, last month Dr. G. Johnstone Stoney, F.R.S., gave a lecture on "The approaching return of the great wandering comet," and he was delighted to find that his theory was correct. As the meteor only became visible on entering the earth's atmosphere, when they became incandescent from the resistance offered by the air to their rapid motion, all that could be ascertained by observation was the direction of their movement. It was pointed out by Professor Herbert Newton, of Yale, that there were five different orbits which would explain their appearance at intervals of 33 years, and he suggested the possibility, though he scarcely thought it probable, of settling which was the true one by calculation of the perturbing influences exercised by the various bodies whose attraction would be felt. This calculation was in good part accomplished in making, and in so doing he had to solve an entirely new problem in dynamics. Dr. Stoney proceeded to show that, while the meteors that actually entered the earth's atmosphere were mostly burnt up, those that only passed near the earth were slightly deflected from their course and hence suffered alterations in their orbits and periodic times. In observing the November meteors on their return in 1890 and 1900, Leverrier's hypothesis that they first entered the solar system in 120 A.D. as a globular cluster under the influence of Uranus should be borne in mind. The fact that the meteors were not yet, as they undoubtedly would be in course of time, drawn out into a continuous band extending all round the earth's orbit is in favour of the comet point of view—and a very accurate determination of their orbit might enable the hypothesis to be verified. Adams had to work from very rough observations, but every effort should be made to obtain more precise ones. These, the lecturer suggested, might possibly be secured by photographic means, since a camera directed towards the region of the sky where the meteors were known to be might reveal what was going on in the sky.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The members of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps assembled on the parade ground this afternoon for their annual inspection. An attendance at this parade was compulsory to secure "efficiency" there was a good muster and the men, in *Khaki* dress and helmets, looked very smart and soldier-like. The new badge of the Corps, worn on the helmets, greatly improved the appearance of the headgear. The Corps fell in on their own parade ground 112 strong: the officer and one non-commissioned officer on the Staff; 4 officers and 77 non-commissioned officers and men in the Field Battery; 1 officer and 25 non-commissioned officers and men in the Maxim Gun Corps; and 13 signallers and a trumpeter not yet on the Roll.

His Excellency the Governor, who is Honorary Colonel of the Corps, was present on the Volunteers' parade ground and marched on to the Brigade Parade Ground at the head of the Corps. The Major-General and his Staff received a general salute, the band of the West Yorks playing the usual light airs.

The march past was gone through in very good style and the batteries were afterwards manoeuvred by their respective officers for about half an hour.

At the conclusion the Major-General addressed the men. He said:—"Volunteering throughout Her Majesty's dominions has long since attained its majority. It is no longer an experiment. It is a success. No general officer inspecting a Corps would so much as venture to address to any body of Volunteers words of praise which had not been deserved. He would be laughed at if he did. I congratulate you on the work done to-day. It has been very well done and over ground very difficult to move on. But it is not what you've done here to-day and what you in the face of the enemy would do that is in question. I am satisfied with you in that respect. I have seen you at practice both at Stonecutters' Island and at Deep Bay on the last occasion. I don't know if one of your Sergeants had special instructions to make a vacancy in the General's list, but one of your shells burst over me. I got out of that very quickly, but not so quickly as the Chinese boy who was holding my pony. I have only one further remark to make. I still recently were commanded by a very able and enthusiastic officer who has now left the Colony. There has been a change, and I congratulate myself upon having seen from the first moment I met him that Sir John Carleton had strong soldierly instincts and was just the man to succeed Major Pemberton and I am very glad that at my suggestion His Excellency the Governor appointed him. The Corps then marched off the ground, the West Yorks band leading, and were dismissed on their own parade ground. Among those present were Admiral and Lady Beiler, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Gordon, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., Mrs. Gray and a great many other ladies and gentlemen.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Hon. F. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works) presided, and there were also present Hon. F. H. May (Captain Superintendent of Police), Dr. Ayres (Colonial Surgeon), Dr. F. H. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. N. J. Ede, and Mr. H. McCallum (Secretary).

THE minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

SMALL-POX IN JAPAN.

A return from Higo showed that from March 8th to 22nd there had been 29 new cases of small-pox there and 14 deaths.

At Yokohama on February 25th there were 15 cases and 5 deaths and on the two succeeding days there were 72 cases and no deaths and 3 cases and 1 death respectively.

The return from Nagasaki stated that there had been 27 cases and 12 deaths from March 1st to 10th and in the same period Moji had 6 cases and 5 deaths.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SHIPPING.

At the last meeting the quarantine regulations in force in ports of the United Kingdom were laid upon the table, and to-day they were submitted with a minute by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Francis Clarke). In the minute he said he had persistently advocated the system of inspection of shipping laid down in the English regulations as the only rational means of preventing the introduction of infectious diseases into the colony, and only last month the Sanitary Board had recommended the Government to adopt this so-called quarantine for the protection of the colony from plague from Bombay and small-pox from Japan. He had also referred to the same procedure in his last annual report. At present the Health Officer for the port was unfortunately entirely independent of the Sanitary Board and this cannot be regarded as a desirable arrangement. What was urgently required was the appointment of an additional Medical Officer for the port and that both should be attached to the Sanitary Department, as Assistant Medical Officers of Health, each being required to do six hours' duty per day as Medical Inspector of Shipping, so that any vessel entering the port between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. could be immediately boarded and the passengers and crew medically inspected and free quarantine granted if none were suffering from infectious disease. It was not the case of work that a medical man was likely to take up permanently and he recommended that such assistants be appointed for three years at a progressive salary of \$150, \$200, and \$250 per month with quarters. No difficulty would be found in getting good men on such terms. In reply to the Captain Superintendent of Police, Dr. Clark wrote a further minute to the effect that he did not think the supervision of persons landed from infected vessels would be impossible if the scheme were properly carried out. At present it was impossible, as we had nothing similar to the provisions of Article 15 in the English regulations. Now could they be carried out unless two Medical Officers were provided for the port and all vessels boarded by one or both of them. With his proposal he would advise the appointment of a Port Sanitary Inspector, to exercise control over the sanitary condition of ships and the boat population, the latter being a matter that at present did not receive the attention it merited. If the junk were to be medically inspected each officer would require a Chinese interpreter and he had figured out the cost of the scheme as follows:—Two Medical Inspectors (average pay and quarters), \$5,000 per annum; one Port Inspector of Quarantine (average pay), \$1,000 per annum; two interpreters, \$400 per annum; total \$7,400. The present expenditure amounted to \$4,700 per annum and by the expenditure of less than an additional \$3,000 a year the colony could be protected from the introduction of virulent infectious diseases.

MORTALITY RETURNS.
The death rate of the colony for the week ended March 27th was given in the mortality returns as being 15.2 per 1,000.

ADJOURNMENT.
The Board adjourned until next Thursday week.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

A SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING.
A meeting in connection with the celebration of the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty was held this afternoon in the Board room of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Queen's Road. The Hon. C. F. Chater presided and Mr. R. K. Leigh, Mr. Gernshorn Stewart and Dr. Thomson were examined at great length regarding their respective schemes for improving the Queen's Statue, a road round the island, and a medical college, and then the meeting was adjourned till 5 p.m. to-morrow.

PEWEE'S MEMORIAL.
At a meeting of the Perak Jubilee Committee, held on the 27th ult., it was decided by a large majority that the permanent memorial should be the institution of scholarships to enable Perak boys to go to Singapore to continue their studies and compete for the Queen's scholarships. The proposal for the erection of a clock tower found only three supporters, and the suggestion as to the founding of a Pasteur Institute was thrown over as impracticable at the present time. It is estimated that a sum of \$20,000 will be needed for the memorial approved of by the meeting, copy boys in the State.

FINANCIAL PROGRAMME.
At a meeting of the Panang Committee, held in the Town Hall on the 29th ultimo, the following was approved:—

\$100 to be given to the Leprosy Asylum; \$50, Lunatic Asylum, Singapore; \$250 for 6,000 medals for School Children, \$50 for extra rations at Pauper Hospital, \$1,000 for Chinese Chinese processions, and \$250 each to the Mohammedan and Tamil communities for extra rations to any body of Volunteers in the troops, and the balance \$550 for unforeseen contingencies. The following programme, subject to alteration, was drawn up for the two days:—

FIRST DAY.
8 a.m.—Suitable prayers to be offered in every place of worship in the Settlement.
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.—Sports on the Esplanade.
4 p.m.—Presentation at the Town Hall of addresses from all nationalities in the Settlement.
7 p.m.—General Illumination throughout the town. Chinese and Hindu processions will pass through the town and round the Esplanade.

SECOND DAY.
10 a.m.—Regatta off the Esplanade.
4 p.m.—Duck hunting and walking the grassy pole.
4 p.m.—Addresses in Town Hall.
6 p.m.—A Mohammedan procession will reach the Esplanade.
9 p.m.—Fireworks on the Race Course.
No permanent memorial yet approved.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA.

The following is the programme and entries for the Gymkhana which commences at 3.45 p.m. on Saturday, the 10th inst.:—

HALF MILE RACE; 1st prize \$50; and \$200 weight for inches with 7 lbs. added; winners in 1897, once only, twice on offence; 10 lbs. in addition; subscription guineas and bond \$100; polo ponies allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$2.
The Hon. F. H. May's bay Tocsin, 11st 11b
Mr. J. Thompson's dun Chin Chin, 11st 4lb
Mr. Master's gr. Magpie (late Anahulu), 11st 5lb
Mr. B. P. P. Polo, 11st 8lb
Mr. Hart Buck's ch. Voltigeur, 11st 8lb
Mr. Cox's gr. Sancy, 11st 9lb
Mr. Hermit's gr. Wakeful Joe, 11st 9lb
Mr. Noble's gr. Crabapple, 11st 9lb
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's gr. Sport, 11st 11b
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's ch. Pandango, 11st 11b
Lt.-Col. The O'Connell's gr. Morrison, 11st 12lb
Capt. Loveland's d. Hawkway, 11st 12lb
THE POLO SCURRY; prize \$40; about 1 mile; for bond \$100; polo ponies; 11st 7lb; entrance \$2.
The Hon. F. H. May's ch. Red-fire, 11st 7lb
Mr. Wood's gr. Iron Duke, 11st 7lb
Mr. Hermit's gr. Wakeful Joe, 11st 7lb
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's gr. Sport, 11st 7lb
Capt. Loveland's ch. Hawkway, 11st 7lb
Capt. Barry Drew's Whiplow, 11st 7lb
SIX FURLONGS HANDICAP; 1st prize the entrance fees with 30 dollars added; and \$25; 3rd and 5th prizes; entrance \$1 but if left in after noon on 6th April \$3 extra.
Mr. B. P. P. Polo, 11st 9lb
Mr. G. H. Potts's gr. Gleniffer, 11st 6lb
Mr. Lewis's w. Slail, 11st 4lb
Lt.-Col. The O'Connell's d. Morrison, 11st 4lb
Capt. Loveland's ch. Hawkway, 11st 3lb
Mr. C. H. Thompson's Otisman, 11st 2lb
Mr. Medley's ch. Hermes, 11st 2lb
Mr. Master's gr. Magpie (late Anahulu), 11st 2lb
Mr. Master's gr. Yarmouth Blanche, 11st 2lb
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's gr. Sport, 11st 2lb
Mr. Cox's gr. Sancy, 11st 2lb
Mr. Hermit's gr. Wakeful Joe, 11st 2lb
MURDER RACE; first prize value \$1,000; and \$150 weight for inches; once round course; entrance \$2.
Hon. F. H. May's ch. Red-fire, 11st 4lb
Captain Barry's gr. Hawkway, 11st 2lb
Captain Barry's gr. Baccarat, 11st 2lb
Mr. Hart Buck's ch. Voltigeur, 11st 2lb
Mr. Anton's gr. Voltigeur, 11st 2lb
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's ch. Kingstone, 11st 1lb
Capt. The Hon. G. Harding's gr. Quinn, 11st 1lb
THE LADIES' NINETEEN; 1st prize \$100; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25; 4th prize \$10; 5th prize \$5; 6th prize \$2; 7th prize \$1; 8th prize \$1; 9th prize \$1; 10th prize \$1; 11th prize \$1; 12th prize \$1; 13th prize \$1; 14th prize \$1; 15th prize \$

NEWS BY THE GERMAN MAIL.

LONDON, March 11th.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.
It has been arranged that 20,000 troops shall line the streets of London at the opening of the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. The procession on Queen's Jubilee day will pass along Piccadilly, St. James's Street, Pall Mall, Trafalgar Square, the Strand, Fleet Street, and Ludgate Hill to St. Paul's Cathedral. The procession will return from St. Paul's via London Bridge, the Borough, Westminster Bridge, Parliament Street, and Whitehall, to Buckingham Palace.

THE KING OF BELGIA.

The King of Belgium, who fled from his capital on the advance on the British force under Rear-Admiral Rawson last month, has returned to the town for the purpose of having a "palaver" with Mr. R. D. R. Moor, a British Consul for the Niger Coast protectorate, who, with a portion of the British force, remains here for some time. Three of the Belgian chiefs are held as hostages by the British. The treaty entered into by Mr. Moor and the Emir of Yorub, who is the latter in his kingdom under a British Protectorate, also settles the question of the Lagos boundary.

Sir William Maxwell, the Governor of the Gold Coast, telegraphs to the Secretary of State that Samory, the celebrated Arab slave raider, has become such a source of annoyance to the hinterland of the colony that he has been forced to dispatch a military expedition consisting of the Hausa force, against him.

The Niger Company has abolished slavery in its territory. The French forces in Dahomey have seized Benin, and are claiming the west bank of the Niger River.

THE RAID INQUIRY.

The Raid Inquiry was continued on the 8th, when Sir Graham John Bowen, Imperial Secretary to the High Commissioner of South Africa, was under examination. Sir Graham made some remarkable admissions. In reply to a question from Mr. Chamberlain, he stated that, on October 19th, Mr. Rhodes, after obtaining from him a pledge of secrecy, informed him that a rising on the Rand was probable, and also that he (Mr. Rhodes) intended to place a force of the Chartered Company's troops at Pitsani, on the Transvaal frontier, to assist the rebels if such a step should prove necessary. The witness further stated that Mr. Rhodes justified this course of action on the ground that the Imperial Government was slow in obtaining a redress of the Uitlanders' grievances. In conclusion, Sir Graham testified to the fact that in pursuance of his pledge to Mr. Rhodes he had abstained from informing Lord Rosebery of what was contemplated.

SOUTH AFRICA.

In consequence of the action of the Transvaal Volksraad in passing a law subordinating the High Court of Justice to that body, the judges adjourned the court until June next, at the same time announcing that they would award the verdict of the people. President Kruger has given the judges a fortnight in which to decide whether they will conform to the decision of the Volksraad.

It was announced a few days ago that President Kruger was about to visit Bloemfontein, to discuss with President Steyn the project of a closer union between the South African Republic and the Orange Free State. It is now stated that President Kruger is endeavouring to induce the Orange Free State to increase its military strength by raising fresh troops. Dr. Lyde will accompany President Kruger to Bloemfontein.

In view of the threatening aspect of affairs in South Africa, the British Government is considering the question of strengthening the military position of Great Britain in South Africa. It is proposed to increase the number of officers of the permanent military forces.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Pope has decided to send a delegate to Canada to mediate between the Dominion and the State Governments with respect to the settlement of the Manitoba School question.

The Rev. Dr. Dale, who was burned to death at Bath, while reading in bed.

A coal mine in the neighbourhood of Dover has been flooded by a sudden burst of water, and eight miners employed underground are reported to be drowned.

THE BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS FOR FEBRUARY SHOW THAT THE IMPORTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR, INCREASED BY £1,063,428, WHILE THE EXPORTS DECREASED BY £899,473.

SAFEGUARDING THE EMPIRE.

[Glasgow Herald, Feb. 27th.]

Never, surely, was there a more unfortunate time than the present in which to limit the expenditure necessary to make good the national defences. The general feeling in the country is that, with regard to the Army, the Government scheme is rather too small than too large. A more extensive measure would certainly not have been condemned as extravagant in view of the warlike possibilities suggested by present involvements. Last week, however, when the House of Commons were sitting, an attempt was made to cut down the amount asked for under the Bill from £5,483,000 to £5,000,000. Mr. Lough, who proposed this amendment, did so on the ground that three millions would allow of the expenditure of a million under each schedule, and that that ought to be enough to do all that is necessary. His real ground of complaint, however, was that the money should be obtained all at once under the Estimates. A more wasteful way of dealing with a great scheme of military defence could hardly be devised than that of placing them under the Estimates. The scheme is before the House and the country as a whole, and must be dealt with as a whole. It really involves less money than the Estimate laid before the House some years ago, and it will not secure the adoption of all the measures of defence that many competent authorities deem imperative. It is to be remembered that a considerable portion of the expenditure is really for naval purposes, and that is to say, for the defence of our sea routes abroad. Without these precautions our fleet would be crippled in time of war, and it is just in such circumstances that the army and navy form one line of defence. Then the effective protection of our mercantile marine as well. The attempt to restrict the time of expenditure of the money was as ill-advised as the attempt to reduce the amount. Little weight should be attached to the remarks of Mr. Lough, who, as Mr. Labouchere's remarks show, has no personal knowledge of the country to which he is proposing to apply his hypothetical scheme of economy. One hypothesis no works of an extensive nature, requiring years to construct, could be undertaken at any time. It is certain that all the money asked for is required, and as far as the principle is concerned, it does not matter whether it is expended in five years or spread over ten years, so long as the work is done. It is provided in the Bill that it is not all applied within seven years, the term which Mr. Lough wanted to specify. The probability is rather that within the next few years there will be a considerable expenditure on other works. It cannot be doubted that a serious defect in the Government's scheme of defence exists with regard to protective measures on the East Coast. Along the

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CALENDAR.

APRIL.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.
Barometer 29.88
Thermometer 65
Humidity 69
Rainfall.....

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.
On date at On date at
Barometer 29.91 29.80
Thermometer 68 74
Humidity 85 82
Rainfall.....

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ANNIVERSARIES.

1818—King Christian of Denmark born.
1863—A reward of \$1,000 offered by the Hongkong Government for information leading to the arrest of foreigners employed on piratical junks in the neighbourhood of Hongkong and Formosa.

1895—Collision at Shanghai between the steamships *Pixie* and *Normandie*, the former badly damaged and beached.

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1835—King Leopold of Belgium born.
1896—Rinderpest reported prevalent in Yokohama.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY, 8th April.

9.15 p.m.—Hudson's Surprise Party at the City Hall.

TO-MORROW, 9th April.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of valuable household furniture, at La Hacienda, Mount Kellet, The Peak, by Mr. G. P. Lamont.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Jubilee Committee.

5.15 p.m.—Odd Volumes' lecture at the City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

India and Straits (*Kuangsing*) 10th inst.French (*Sydney*) 13th inst.Australian (*Omi Maru*) 13th inst.English (*Coromandel*) 17th inst.American (*Persu*) 19th inst.Canadian (*Empress of India*) 20th inst.German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 10th May.THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Antenor*, from Liverpool left Singapore for this port this morning, and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Taiwan Steamer, from Holo

Loyal " " " "

Kwangtung " " " "

Cheong Hock Kian " " " "

Haitong " " " "

Choyang " " " "

Lysmoen " " " "

Arl " " " "

At. replying 9,670 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Sungai Steamer, for Amoy, etc.

Ruyshui " " " "

Pohun " " " "

Kwangtung " " " "

Resista " " " "

Moriathak " " " "

Chungang " " " "

Bayern " " " "

Hohensollern " " " "

Aggregating 19,084 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPDO DOCK RETURNS.

Kofan to Kowloon Dock.

Hanch " " " "

Carrier Doo " " " "

Congo " " " "

Belge " " " "

China " " " "

SWATOW.

Arrivals.

Apr. 6 from Amoy, J. M. & Co.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,105.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 7th April, 1897. [595]

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"MERIONETHSHIRE."

Captain D. Davier, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Underigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW, the 3rd inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be requested to the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1897. [541]

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.

"MIRZAPORE."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at *Shank's* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignments will be sorted out mark by mark and delivered as can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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